

## New director of CIA

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After only 13 months in charge of the Central Intelligence Agency, probably the largest spy network in the world, Admiral William Raborn is retiring, and a career intelligence officer, Mr. Richard Helms, aged 53, has been appointed the new director (writes Clyde Sanger.)

Both the CIA and its director have been heavily criticised recently, and the President seems to have acted swiftly and bluntly on this criticism. Raborn ended his naval career as deputy chief of development, and was appointed CIA director mainly because he had been on such good terms with Congress leaders while plans for the Polaris submarine missile were being approved. He is also a Texan, who campaigned actively for Mr. Johnson in 1964.

However, although he has maintained good relations with the Senate Armed Services Committee, he has been on poor terms with the Foreign Relations Committee. Its chairman, Senator Fulbright, and others like Senator Eugene McCarthy, have criticised his inexperience in foreign affairs.

The new director has a long enough list of talents to attract the confidence of senators, while being the first career man in the post may help to reduce criticism. He is fluent in French and German from his school days in Europe. He worked on mid-West newspapers before joining the Navy in wartime, and since then has concentrated on espionage and special operations.

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